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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Stockton – Teen Arrested After School Shooting Plan Found, Police Say

(U) A 14-year-old student was arrested yesterday after school officials reported he had written plans for a school shooting, according to the police. Police were called to Venture Academy at 8:40 a.m. School staff detained the student before officers arrived on campus. The plans detailed how the student was going to commit the shooting. Officers then searched the student's home and notified his parents but did not find anything illegal at the home. The student was booked into San Joaquin County Juvenile Hall on a charge of making criminal threats.

SOURCE: 26 February 2018, [KCRA](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – Social Media Threat Against School Leads to Search, Gun Discovery

(U) Birmingham – After a tip on social media about a shooting threat at Huffman Middle School, officials discovered a gun on the premises of the school. The threat was supposed to be carried out yesterday. On Sunday evening, Birmingham City School's security did an extensive search of the school and all student lockers. The security department was also present at the school yesterday morning prior to student arriving to school. They conducted searches of each student and searched backpacks as students entered the building. Officials say a gun was discovered yesterday morning during the search.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [WTVM](#)

(U) Texas – Laredo Border Patrol Rescues 17 Immigrants from Truck

(U) Laredo – Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents rescued 17 undocumented immigrants from a box truck at a checkpoint on I-35 on 23 February. US Customs and Border Protection said in a press release that the driver was questioned about his immigration status and was referred for further inspection after a canine alerted at the scene. Border Patrol agents then discovered 17 undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Brazil. The US citizen driving the truck was arrested.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [KHOU11](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – \$120 Million Drug Shipment Hidden in Highlighters Seized at Border

(U) Sydney – A man has been charged with allegedly importing almost 300kg of ephedrine, used to make the drug ice, which was found concealed in 21,000 highlighter pens following a joint investigation by the Australian Border Force (ABF) and NSW Police. On 10 February, a container carrying five pallets of pens and other stationary arrived in Sydney from China. When the container was taken to the ABF's container examination facility for x-ray, officers noted anomalies in 50 boxes of highlighters. The drug haul could have been used to make about 2.4 million hits of ice, with an estimated street value of \$120 million.

SOURCE: 25 February 2018, [Sydney Morning Herald](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Syria – UN Links North Korea to Syria’s Chemical Weapon Program**

(U) Damascus – North Korea has been shipping supplies to the Syrian government that could be used in the production of chemical weapons, UN experts contended. The evidence of a North Korean connection comes as the US and other countries have accused the Syrian government of using chemical weapons on civilians, including recent attacks on civilians in the Damascus suburb of eastern Ghouta using what appears to have been chlorine gas. The supplies from North Korea include acid-resistant tiles, valves, and thermometers, according to the report by UN investigators.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [New York Times](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Four Far-Right UK Terrorist Plots Foiled Since Westminster Attack, Police Reveal

(U) London – Far-right terrorists pose an “organized and significant” threat to the UK, the country’s most senior terrorism officer has warned while revealing that four plots have been foiled in the past year. The right-wing terrorist threat is more significant and more challenging than perhaps the public debate gives credit for, according to Mark Rowley, assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. Security services have been warning of a shift since the murder of Labour MP Jo Cox in 2016, with the past year seeing five mainly ISIS-inspired attacks leave 36 victims dead in London and Manchester.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [Independent](#)

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